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## CATTLE ON FEED

### ARIZONA

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Arizona feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 249,000 head as of January 1, 2015. The latest inventory was down 1 percent from last month's inventory, and 9 percent below January 1, 2014. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 26,000 head of fed cattle during December 2014, up 37 percent from the previous month but 7 percent below the December 2013 marketings of 28,000 head. An estimated 26,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during December 2014, no change from last month but 7 percent below the December 2013 placements of 28,000 head. Other disappearance for December, at 3,000 head, was down 2,000 head from last month but up 2,000 head from last year. Steers and steer calves on hand as of January 1, 2015 totaled 246,000 head, down 8 percent from one year ago. Heifers and heifer calves on hand as of January 1, 2015 totaled 3,000 head, down 50 percent from one year ago.

### UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.7 million head on January 1, 2015. The inventory was 1 percent above January 1, 2014. The inventory included 6.94 million steers and steer calves, up 2 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 65 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.67 million head, down 2 percent from 2014. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.54 million, 8 percent below 2013. Net placements were 1.47 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 435,000, 600-699 pounds were 375,000, 700-799 pounds were 339,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 395,000. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.66 million, 5 percent below 2013. Other disappearance totaled 72,000 during December, 6 percent below 2013.

For a full copy of the January 2015 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).